A ſhort Catechiſme for Houſholders, with prayers to the ſame adioyning.

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In the name of the Father,
and of the Sonne, and of the
holy Ghoſt. So be it.

A briefe Catechisme,

contayning a declaration of the true way to lyfe euerlasting. Verie meete to be knowne of euery one, before they be admitted to the Lords Supper.

Question.

WHat is the chiefest thing which euery one ought to bee most carefull of, as long as they liue?

Aunswere:

Euery one ought to be most carefull of these two poynts.

First and chiefely how he can bee saued in the (a) day of Iudgement, before Gods iudgement seate, and so (b) come to life euerlasting.

Secondly, howe to (c) liue according to Gods holy will, during our life. In the which two points wholy standeth the glory of God, so much as of man ought to be sought for.

(a) Mat, 16, 26. 1, Pet, 1, 9.

(b) Mat, 6, 33. & 25, 34.

(c) Luke 1, 74, 75. Eph, 1, 4. & 2, 10. 1, Pet, 1, 15.

Quest. Howe can we know this, how we are discharged before Gods iudgment seate?

Aun. Wee can neuer knowe howe wee bee discharged before the iudgement seate of God, vntil such time as

we know our owne (a) miserable e-
state, by reason of the greatnesse of
(a) our sinnes, and the horrible punish-
Mat,9,12,13 ment, which we deserue for them.
1,Tim,1,15
Mat.11,28 Quest. Howe doost thou know the greatnes of thy sinne, and the horrible punishment due to the same.

Aun. The greatnes of my sinne, and the horrible punishment thereof, I know by the (a) law of God, (b) right-
(a) ly understood, the sum wherof is con-
Rom,3,20 tained in the ten commaundements.
Rom,7,7.8, 9.10,11.12 Quest. Rehearse the ten commaun-
Rom,5,20 dements?
Gal,3,19
(b) Aun. God spake all these words, and
Rom.7,9 saide, I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the Lande of E-
gypt, out of the house of bondage.

Exo.20,1 1 *Thou shalt haue none other Gods but mee.*

2. *Thou shalt not make to thy selfe any grauen Image, nor the likenesse of anie thing that is in heauen aboue, nor in the earth beneath, nor in the water vnder the earth, thou shalt not bowe downe to them nor worship them: For I the Lord thy God, am a iealous God, and visit the sinnes of the fathers vpon the childrē, vn-*

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to the third & fourth generation of them that hate mee : and shewe mercie vnto thousands in them that loue mee, and keepe my commaundements.

3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vaine : for the Lorde will not holde him guiltlesse, that taketh his name in vaine.

4. Remember thou keepe holy the Saboath day, sixe dayes shalt thou labour and doe all that thou hast to doe. But the seauenth day is the Sabaoth of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt doe no manner of worke, thou and thy sonne, and thy daughter, thy man seruaunt, and thy Maide seruaunt, thy Cattell, and the stranger that is within thy gates. For in sixe daies the Lorde made Heauen and earth: the Sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seauenth day. Wherefore the Lord blessed the seauenth day & hallowed it,

5. Honour thy Father and thy mother, that thy dayes may be long in the Lande which the Lord thy God giueth thee.

6. Thou shalt doe no murther.

7. Thou shalt not commit adulterie.

8. Thou shalt not steale.

9 *Thou shalt not beare false witnesse against thy neighbour.*

10. *Thou shalt not couet thy neighbours house, thou shalt not couet thy neighbours wife, nor his man seruant, nor his maide, nor his Oxe, nor Asse, nor any thing that is his.*

Que. What is the first cōmandement?

Aun. 1. *Thou shalt haue none other Gods but me.*

Quest. What is the meaning of thys commaundement?

Aun. The Lord God straightly chargeth vs, in the first commandement, that wee worship God alone, which worshyp standeth in foure poyntes: First, that we (a) loue God aboue all. Secondly, that wee (b) feare God aboue all. Thirdly, that we make our prayers to (c) none but to GOD. Fourthly, that wee (d) acknowledge God alone to bee the guider and gouerner of all things, (e) of whom we receiue al the benefits that we haue, and therefore that (f) wee trust and stay vpon him alone.

(a) Phil.3, 7.8. Mat,10, 37.
(b) Mal,1,6. Mat, 10, 28.
(c) Rom,10,13.
(d) Psal,35,6. & 115,3.& 145, 15.& 95,4.5
(e) Iam, 1, 17.
(f) Ier,17,5.& 48, 7. Esa,31,1.

Que. What is the second commandement?

Aun.

Aun. 2. *Thou shalt not make to thy selfe any grauen Image, nor the likenesse of any thing that is in heauen aboue, &c.*

Quest. What is the meaning of this commaundement?

Aun. In this seconde commaundement, be contained three things.

First, that we should not (a) thinke God to be like either man or woman or any other thing, therfore that we make no Image of God in any case.

Secondly, that we make no image of any other thing, eyther to (b) worship the Image it selfe, eyther God, Saint, or Angel, by the Image, neyther yet to this end, to be the (c) better put in mind of God by the Image.

Thirdly, that we worship not God in any other (d) outward worship according to our own fantasies, but (c) as God commandeth vs in his word.

Quest. What is the third commandement?

Aun. 3. *Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vaine, &c.*

Quest. What is the meaning of this commaundement?

Aun. God chargeth vs in this third com-

(a) Deu,4,15. 16.17.18.&c Act,17.29. Ioh.1,18. 1,Tim,6,16 1.Ioh,4.12 Esa,40.18, 25,& 46,5,

(b) Leu.26,1, Exo,34.14 Deu,4,23 Psal,97.7. & 106.36. Esa,44,17, Dan.3,18,

(c) Aba,2.18. Ier,10.8,14 15,

(d) Ioh.4.23.24 Mat,15,9, Esa.29.13. 14. (e) Deu,12.13 & 5.32,33 Pro,3,6, Iosu.1.7. Apo,2.2. 18,19.

commaundement, these three things.

First, that we vse with (a) most high reuerence the name of God: whensoeuer wee eyther speake or thinke vpon him.

(a) Deut,28, 58.59 Psal,8,1. Iere,10,6

Secondly, that we neuer blaspheme the name of God, by (b) Coniuring, Witchcraft, Sorcery, or Charming, or any such like, neither by cursing or banning.

(b) Deu,18,10 11,12. Esa,8.19. & 47,12. Mal,3,5, Gal,5,19.20 Act,19,16

Thirdly, that we neuer (c) sweare by the name of God in our common talke, although the matter bee neuer so true: but onely where the (d) glorie of God is sought, or the saluation of our Brethren, (e) or also before a Magistrate in witnessing the trueth, when wee are there vnto lawfully called. In which causes, wee must (f) onely swear by the name of God. But as for (g) Saints, Angels, (h) Roode, Booke, Crosse, Masse, or any other thing, wee ought in no case by them to sweare.

(c) Mat,5,34 35.36.37 Iam,5,12 (d) Iosu,2,12 2,Cor,1,23 & 11,31. Gal,1,20. (e) Exo,22,10 11. (f) Deu,6,13. & 10.20. (g) 2,Cor,1,23 (h) Iere,5,7. & 12,16,17. Amos8, 14. Soph,1,5.

Quest. What is the fourth cõmaundement?

Aun. 4 *Remember that thou keepe holy the Sabaoth day. &c.*

Quest.

Quest. What is the meaning of this commaundement?

Aun. The hallowing of the Sabaoth day is to (a) rest from our labors in our calling: and in one place to assemble our selues together, and with feare and reuerence to heare, marke, and (b) lay vp in our harts, the word of GOD (c) preached vnto vs: to (d) pray altogether, that which wee (e) vnderstand, with one consent. And at the times appointed, to (f) vse the Sacraments in faith & repentaunce, and all our life long to (g) rest from wickednesse, that the Lorde by his holy Spirite, may worke in vs his good worke, and so begin in this life the euerlasting rest.

(a) Deu,5,14 Exo,16,26
(b) Mat,13,23,
(c) Acts20,7 & 15,22,& 13,15.16.17 Lu.4,16,21
(d) Mat,18,19 1.Cor,14,16 17.
(e) 1,Cor,14,16 17.
(f) 1,Cor,11,33 34. Acts 2,42 & 20,7
(g) Num,29,7 Heb,4,9.10

Quest. What is the fift commaundement?

Aun. *5. Honour thy Father and thy Mother.*

Quest. What is the meaning of this commaundement?

Aun. The meaning of the fift commaundement is, that wee should honour, that is to say, loue, feare, obey, and relieue our (a) Parents, or any other

(a) Leu,19,3. Col,3,20. 22.23.24 Eph,6,1.2.3.

Exo, 22, 18. Ro 13,1.2. Titus,3,1. (c) Heb, 13,17. 1.Thes,5,12. 13. (d) Eph,6,5.6.7 Tit,2,9,10. (e) Leu,19,32. (f) Col,3,21. Col.4,1, Ephe,6,4, 9.&c.

other that are vnto vs in their stæde. As our (b) Princes, Rulers, and Magistrates, (c) our Pastours and Teachers, our (d) Maisters, and all other which are aboue vs, in any calling, placed by God, (e) the aged and gray-headed: and that all Superiours shewe themselues indæde Parents, in (f) defending and guiding their inferiours.

Quest. What is the sixt commaundement?

Aun. *6. Thou shalt doe no murther.*

Gen,9,6. Deut,5,17. (b) Mat,5,38,39 (c) Col,3,12.13 (d) Leu,19,14. 17,18. (e) Mat,5,21,22 1,Iohn,3,15. (f) Prou.20.22. (g) Mat,25, 33. Esay,58,7. Eze,18.7,

Quest. What is the meaning of this commaundement?

Aun. First, the Lord God forbiddeth vs in the first commaundement, all (a) killing, (b) fighting, and (c) quarrelling, and (d) reproches, mockes, and taunts.

Secondly, he forbiddeth all killing in hart, that is all (e) anger and malice, (f) all desire of reuenge.

Thirdly, on the other side he commaundeth vs to preserue life, by exercising (g) the works of mercy, and compassion towards our Brethren, yea, euen towards our enemies.

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Fourthly, to (h) loue one another inwardly in hart, as our selues, yea, euen our enemies, and them that hate vs.

Quest. What is the seauenth commaundement?

Aun. 7. *Thou shalt not commit adultery.*

Quest. What is the meaning of thys commaundement?

Aun. We are forbidden in this seauenth commaundement, first, (a) all adultery, fornication, and all other (b) vncleannes in our bodies.

Secondly, all (c) vnpure thoughts, and lusts of the hart.

Thirdly, all other thinges which might intice to such vnthriftinesse, as all vnchast (d) behauiour, (e) filthie talke and songs, (f) wanton apparell, lewd and idle pastimes, (g) gluttony, drunkennes, (h) houses of open whoredom, and what soeuer els may allure vs to vncleannes.

Fourthly, on the other side, he commaundeth vs to keepe our bodies and soules (i) chast and pure, as temples of the holy Ghost. Or if the (k) gyft of chastitie bee not gyuen vs, then to vse

(h) Mat,5,44. Leu.19.18. Luk,6,27. Rom,12,17 18.19.20.21

(a) Leu,18,20. Deu,23,17.

(b) Leu,18,22. 23.24.25.

(c) Mat,5,28.

(d) Esa,3,16,17 Rom,13,13

(e) Eph,4, 29. & 5,3,4.

(f) Deu,22,11. Esa,3,18,19, 20,21,&c.

(g) Eph,5,18

(h) Deu,22, 20,21.

(i) 1,Cor,6, 15.19,20, 1,Thes,4,3 4.5.

(k) 1,Cor,7,2,9 Heb,13,4.

vse the lawfull remedy appointed by God, which is marriage.

Quest. What is the eyght commaundement?

Aun. *8. Thou shalt not steale.*

Quest. What is the meaning of thys commaundement?

Aun. In this eight commaundement the Lord God forbiddeth, all (a) stealing and robbing in outward dedes.

Secondly, he forbiddeth all (b) stealing in hart: that is, all desire of any mans goods wrongfully.

Thirdly, he forbiddeth (c) all deceite and wrongfull dealing.

Fourthly, on the other side he chargeth vs, ỹ we be (d) content with that portion of goods which ỹ Lord giueth vs: to (e) apply our selues in our vocation & calling, to get our own liuing, and lyue of that which is our owne, and also to be helpfull vnto others.

(a) Leu, 19, 11 Deu, 5, 19

(b) Eph, 5, 3 Col, 3, 5 Psal. 62, 10 & 15, 3 5 Zach, 8, 17. Mic, 2, 1. 2 Acts 20, 33.

(c) 1, Thes, 4, 6. Exo, 22, 21 22, 23 Deu, 10, 17. 18, 19. & 24 14.

(d) Pro. 27, 27. 1, Tim, 6, 6

(e) Gen, 3, 19. Eph. 4, 28 2. Thes, 3, 10

Quest. What is the ninth commaundement.

Aun. *9. Thou shalt not beare false witnesse against thy neighbour.*

Quest. What is the meaning of this commaundement?

Aun.

Aun. The Lord God in thys ninth commaundement, dooth commaund vs: First, that we shoulde neuer (a) speake falsely in witnesse bearing. Secondly, that not onely in witnesse bearing, but also in no other matter, we should neuer (b) lye, flatter, or dissemble. Thirdly, that we should neuer tell false (c) tales behinde our Neighbours backe, or heare them of others: that wee shoulde neuer (d) beleeue any euill spoken behind theyr backes, vntill wee fullie knowe the certaintie. Fourthly, in priuate offences to speake nothing, although it be true, to the (e) hurting of our brothers good name, if by (f) priuate admonitions he may be wonne.

(a) Pro,19,5,9 & 21,28
(b) Eph,4,25. Pfal.15,2
(c) Pfal.15,3. Pro,25.18
(d) Mat,7,1.2 Rom,14,4 Pfal,15,3. Iam.4,12
(e) 1,Pet.4,8. 1,Cor,13,7. Pro,11,12
(f) Mat.18,15. 16.17.18

Queſt. What is the tenth commandement?

Aun. *10. Thou ſhalt not couet thy Neighbours houſe. &c.*

Queſt. What is the meaning of thys commaundement?

Aun. Heere the Lord in plain words, dooth forbid all inward deſire, whatſoeuer is (a) vnlawful to be done, although we neuer (b) conſent vnto it,

(a) Rom.7.7
(b) Gen.6,5 & 8,21 Pro.20.9

as

as the (c) rebellion of the flesh, al corruption of the (d) olde man, all (e) blot of originall sinne, so that by this commaundement, most cleerely wee may see the Image of that man that pleaseth GOD, euen such a one in whom nothing is impure, neither in will nor nature.

(c) Rom,7,23,
(d) Eph,4,22, Col,3,9,
(e) Rom,6,6,

Quest. Canst thou fulfill all these commaundements, without breaking any one of them?

Aun. These are the commaundements of Almighty God, the perfect fulfilling wherof, (a) no flesh can attaine vnto: no, although I do all that I can, yet I breake them daily both in thought word and deede.

(a) Rom,3,23, Rom,8,3,4, & 11,32. 1,Ioh,2,8, 1,Reg,8,46 Pro,29,9.

Que. What punishment doth God appoint for breaking any one of thē?

Aun. The punishment for the breaking of the least commaundement, euen in (a) thought, yea, if it were but (b) once broken in all my lyfe, is the euerlasting (c) curse of GOD, which containeth all the torments that can be deuised both of soule and body, & in the Scripture is called by diuers names to expresse the payne,

(a) Mat,5,28,
(b) Iam,2,10,
(c) Gal,3,10, Deu,27,26,

as

as (d) hell fire, the (e) worme that neuer dyeth, (f) vtter darknes, (g) burning lake, (h) second death, damnation, and such like.

Que. Is there nothing which a man can doe in this worlde, to serue as a sufficient recompence to GOD for one sinne?

Aun. No, although I should giue (a) all my goods to the poore, or suffer my bodie to bee (b) whipped all my lyfe long, or suffer any other punishment which might bee deuised: it is not sufficient for one of my least sins.

Quest. Yea but God is merciful, will he therefore punish sinne so sharpely thinkest thou?

Aun. Our GOD indeed is (a) mercifull, but he is also (b) iust & true, and therefore must needes of iustice and trueth, punish mans sinne with that punishment which he hath appointed

Quest. Seeing then thys punishment must needes be suffered, are wee in our selues able to suffer and ouercome it?

Aun. None is able to suffer (a) and ouercome this great punishment of sinne,

(d) Matth, 25, 41, & 10, 28, Mar, 9, 23,
(e) Marke, 9, 44, 46.
(f) Mat, 22, 13, & 25, 30,
(g) Apo, 20, 10, & 20, 10, 14.
(h) Apo, 21, 8,
(a) Luk, 17, 10.
(b) Col, 2, 23,
(a) 1, Cor, 1, 3. Psal, 145, 8. & 86, 15.
(b) Psal, 7, 9. Psal, 11, 5, Rom, 3, 4, Ioh, 3, 33,
(a) Psal, 130, 3, Matth, 19, 25

(a)Gal.4,4 Heb.2.9.16 14.15.16.17 Heb.4.15 1 Tim.2.5 Rom.8.3.4 (b)Gal.3.13 Rom.4.25. Ioh.1.29 1.Ioh.2.1 2.Cor.5.21 Esay.53.6 Rom.8.3 (a)Ioh.3 16.18.36 (a) Col.2.2 1.Ioh.3.2 Ephe.3.12 Ro.8.38.39 Eph.1.18 (b) Rom.10.9 Eph.3.17. (c) Ro.4.3.18 Rom.10.8 & 1.16.17 (d) Eph.1.17.18. 2.Cor.1.22. & 5.5. 1.Cor.2.10 2.Cor.4.13

sinne, being onely man.

Quest. Is there then no meanes at al, whereby we may be saued from these paynes euerlasting?

Aun. The paines which our sinnes deserue, must needes be suffered by man, because God of his iustice must nœdes punish sin in man, which was committed by man: and therefore our Sauiour Christ, being euerlasting GOD, became also (a) man, and hath fully (b) suffered what soeuer was due for mans sinne.

Quest. Are not then all people dyscharged, seeing the punishment is payd?

Aun. None are discharged, saving those that take (a) holde vpon Christ and his merits, with a true faith.

Quest. What callest thou this true fayth?

Aun. Thys true and liuely fayth, is a (a) ful perswasion and assurance of my (b) heart, grounded vpon the (c) promise of God, & wrought in me by the (d) holy Ghost, wherby I am fully assured, that whatsoeuer Christ hath wrought for mans saluation, pertayneth

neth not onely to others, but euen(e) to me, and is wholy mine, as ſurelie as if I perſormed the laws in myne owne perſon. (e) Ephe, 3, 10, 17.

Queſt. Howe can it be that thy ſins are forgiuen thee, and yet according to Gods truth fully puniſhed, with the puniſhment which God hath appoynted for ſinnes.

Aun. By thys my true faith, I ſee my ſinnes both to be forgiuen, and yet fully punniſhed, for in Jeſus Chriſt, to(a) ſatiſfie Gods iuſtice they be (b) fully puniſhed, and yet to me they be (c) forgiuen, becauſe in mee they be not puniſhed, but in Chriſt for me, to ſet forth Gods mercy, and therefore ſhall neuer be layde to my charge. In this manner therefore I ſee the Lord my God to be both mercifull and iuſt. (a) 2, Co. 5, 21 Rom, 3, 25. (b) 1, Ioh, 2, 1, 12, Gala, 3, 13, Rom. 4, 25 (c) 1, Cor, 5, 9

Queſt. Yea, but although the puniſhment of thy ſinnes be paid in Chriſt, yet ſeeing there can no vnrighteouſnes dwell with God, how canſt thou ſtande before Gods iudgement ſeate as righteous & iuſt, ſeeing thou haſt no righteouſnes, but ſuch as is ſtay-

ned with ſo many ſinnes.

Aun. I ſtande as iuſt and righteous before the throne of God, not clothed with mine own righteouſnes, which I haue wrought in mine owne perſon: but with the (a) righteouſnes of Ieſus Chriſt. Which righteouſneſſe being taken holde vpon, (b) by a true fayth, is made mine: thus am I iuſt in the ſight of God, not in reſpect of mine owne workes, which I haue wrought, but taking holde vppon Chriſtes workes to be mine by fayth.

(a) 1, Cor, 1.30 2, Cor, 5, 21 Rom, 3, 28.

(b) Ephe, 3, 17, Rom, 3, 28, Iohn, 3, 18,

Queſt. Dooth not this make men to runne into all ſinne and wickedneſſe?

(a) Iohn, 3, 3, 5 Ephe, 4, 20. Coloſ, 3, 9, Rom, 6, 6, & 12, 1, 2,

(b) Rom, 7, 23.

(c) Rom, 5, 1.2 3, 11,

(d) Rom, 6, 11, 12, 13. Math, 7, 17, Iohn, 15, 5,

(e) Iames, 2, 17

Aun. No, for this true faith as ſoone as it is wrought in vs (a) through the holy Ghoſt, dooth frame our hearts a new, & cauſeth vs to (b) deteſt, hate, lothe and abhorre ſinne in all men, but eſpecially in our ſelues, and maketh vs to haue our (c) whole delight and ioy in thoſe things which bee agreeable to Gods will, and cauſeth vs alſo to (d) expreſſe the ſame in our lyfe and conuerſation, or els it is no true fayth but a (e) dead fayth.

Que. Rehearſe the ſum of this faith.

Aun.

Aunſwere.

I Belieue in God the father almighty maker of heauen and earth. And in Ieſus Chriſt his only ſonne our Lord, which was conceiued by the holie Ghoſt, borne of the Virgin Mary. He ſuffered vnder Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried, he deſcended into hell, and the thyrd day hee roſe againe from death. He aſcended into heauen, and ſitteth on the right hande of God the Father almightie. From thence ſhall he come to iudge both the quicke and the deade. I beleeue in the holy Ghoſt. The holie Catholike Church. The communion of Saints. The forgiuenes of ſinnes. The reſurrection of the body, and the lyfe euerlaſting. So be it.

Queſt. What is the effect of thys Creede?

Aun. This Creede containeth foure eſpeciall poynts: Firſt, what wee ought to beleeue concerning God the Father. Secondly, concerning God the Sonne. Thirdly, concerning God the holy ghoſt. Fourthly, concerning Gods people, called the Church.

Que. What beleeuest thou in the first part, concerning God the Father?

Ioh, 1, 12
Rom, 8, 1,
Rom, 8, 11,
Gala, 3, 26

Ans. First, I beleeue that God the father, through Christ, (a) into whose body I am grafted by Faith, is not only a (b) father o other faithfull, but euen my father, & therefore (c) loueth mee. Secondly, that he is a mighty, that is, that he hath (d) all power in his hande, guiding and ruling all things, so that nothing can bee doone in (e) heuen, earth, or hell, without his prouidence.

(b)
Rom, 8, 15
1, Cor, 6, 19

(c)
Rom, 5, 8, 9
Esay, 54, 6, 7, 8,

(d)
Esay, 54, 5, 6, 7,
Esay, 46, 10, 11,

(e)
Amos, 3, 6,
Iere, 10, 23.
1, Reg, 22, 19, 20, &c
Psalm, 31. 6 7, 8, 9.

Que. What beleeuest thou in the second part, concerning God the Son?

Ans. I beleeue that Iesus Christ one (a) God in substance with the Father and the holy Ghost, (b) tooke flesh of the Virgine, and is become perfect man, as I am in all things, sin onelie excepted, (c) and in my nature hath wrought for mee, whatsoeuer was needefull for my saluation.

(a)
Rom 9. 5,
Iohn, 1, 1
Ioh, 1, 4, 10.

(b)
Rom, 1, 3,
Mat. 1, 20. 21

(c)
Heb. 2, 14, 15
Rom, 8, 3,

Quest. What meanest thou when thou sayest, *He suffered vnder Pontius Pilate?*

Ans. Because that manner of death which men do suffer by the sentence of

of the Judge, and vnder the tytle of Iustice, is more shamefull, slaunderous & terrible, then if a man would die naturally in his bed: Therefore Christ tooke on hym our person, to shew himselfe (a) before an earthlie Judge, and to be (b) cõdemned by the mouth of Pilate, he being then Judge, that thereby wee might bee cleared before the iudgement seate of God.

(a) Psalm, 2, 2 Acts. 4, 27.
(b) Mat, 27. 16, Iohn, 19, 1 13, 23,

Que. What meanest thou when thou sayest, *Christ was crucified, deade, and buried?*

Aun. First, I meane in that he was crucified, that he suffered (a) the death of the Crosse, which was an abhominable and cursed death, (b) to deliuer me from the curse which was due for my sinnes Secondly, for almuch as death was a punishment due vnto man for sin, therefore our Sautour dyd suffer death, and by suffering, ouercame death. For in his death doth lye the principall poynt of our saluation, for if he had not beene truelie (c) dead, we should be yet subiect to eternall death and damnation.

(a) Luke, 23, 33
(b) Ga, 3, 13, 14
(c) Esay, 53, 12, Rom, 5, 8. 1, Cor, 15, 3 1, Pet, 2, 24.

Thirdly, he was buried for the

more greater confirmation of hys death and resurrection. And to the intent to make it more certainlie knowne vnto vs, it pleased hym also to be buried after the common manner of men, and that by two notable persons (d) Nicodemus and Ioseph of Aramathia, which was done also by the will and consent of Pilate, who caused the bodie to be deliuered vnto them.

(d) Math, 27.57 Mar. 15,43. Luke, 23,53

Quest. What meanest thou concerning this, that *Christ descended into hell?*

Aun. Where it is sayd that Christ descended into hell, thereby I beliene that Christ did not only suffer in hys body, ẏ punishment due to my bodie, (a) but also in his soule ẏ punishment due to my soule, which was the torments of hell, second death, (b) sorrowes of death & abiection frō God: as it doth appeare, by the anguish of his soule in the garden (c) whē drops of blood issued out of his bo', and also vppon the crosse by (d) his lamentable crie to his father. For in a miserable case had wee beene, if hee had suffered

(a) Esay, 53, 4, 8. 10.
(b) Acts. 2, 24, Math, 26, 38
(c) Luke, 22, 44
(d) Luke, 23, 46. Math, 27, 46 50.

suffered onely the punishment due to our bodies, and not to our soules.

Quest. What fruite hast thou by this death of Christ?

Ans. First, I believe that this death and punishment, which Christ suffered, is the appeasing of (a) GODS wrath, and a full satisfaction to God for all my sinnes.

(a) Hebr.9.12, 13,14,28, 1.Pet. 2, 24, 1,Iohn, 2,1,

Secondly, that (b) as he is dead for sin, so hee will cause sin to die in my mortall body.

(b) Gala,5,24. Gala,2,29, Rom,6,6, 7,8,11.

Quest. What profit hast thou by the rysing againe of Christ.

Ans. First, I am assured by his rising from death, that he hath (a) ouercome death, hell and sinne, and hath finished my iustification.

(a) 1,Cor,1,55. 56,57. Rom.8,33, 34.

Secondly, that as he is risen from death, so he causeth mee as a member of him, (b) to rise from sinne, and delight in righteousnes.

Rom.4,25 (b) Rom,6,4, Col,3,1,2,

Thirdly, his rising againe, is a sure pledge (c) to mee, that my bodie shall in like manner rise againe.

(c) 1.Cor.15.15 20.

Quest. What is the meaning of this, that Christ *ascended into heauen?*

Ans. Christ as touching his man-

head is (a) onely in heauen, but (b) in his Godheade and comfort of hys holy Spirit, he is with vs to the end of the world.

(a) Acts, 1, 11. Acts, 3, 21, (b) Mat, 28, 20

Que. What good getteſt thou by the aſcending of Chriſt into heauen?

Aun. Firſt, Chriſt his aſcending into heauen, is a ſure pledge vnto mee, that (a) I ſhall in like manner as a member of him, by hys power, bee receiued into heauen, in the ſame nature wherein he is aſcended.

(a) Iohn, 14, 3 Phil. 3. 21, 1, Cor, 1, 7 1, Theſ, 4, 16, 17,

Secondly, Chriſt hauing aſcended into heauen, (b) maketh continuall interceſſion for mee.

(b) 1, Ioh, 1, 2, Heb, 9, 12, Rom, 8, 32

Que. What is the meaning of thys, that Chriſt *ſitteth at the right hand of God the Father?*

Aun. Chriſt ſitteth at the right hand of the father, that is, hath (a) all power giuen hym of the Father ouer all things.

(a) Mat. 28. 18 Ephe, 1, 20 21, 22,

Que. What fruite doſt thou receiue by this, that *Chriſt ſhall come to iudge the quicke and the dead?*

Aun. To mee that am a member of Chriſt, it is a ſinguler comfort, (a) when I know aſſuredly, y none ſhall bee

(a) Mat. 24, 31, Mat, 25, 34, Mat, 19, 28, 2, Theſ. 1. 10

be my Iudge, but he that is my sauiour. But terrible it will be to those that flée from Christ, (b) when they shall see hym come to iudge them, whom they in their life time refused.

(b) 2, Thes, 1,8 7, 8, Luke, 21.25 Math,25,41

Quest. What beleeuest thou in the third part, concerning God *the holie Ghost*?

Aun. I beleeue that GOD the holy ghost (a) sealeth into my hart al Christes benefits to be mine, & (b) maketh sinne to die in me, and stirreth me vp to righteousnes and holines of life.

(a) Ro,8,9,10, 11,15,16, Gal,4,6, (b) Ephe,1, 17, Ephe,4,23 Psalm,1,3 Collo.2,11. 12,13,

Quest. Seeing there is but one only God, why nameste thou the Father, the Sonne, and the holy Ghost?

Aun. Because God hath so opened himselfe in his (a) worde, that these thræe sundry persons are in substance but (b) one true and euerlasting God.

(a) Ma,3.16.17 1,Ioh.5,7. Esay,61,1, (b) 1,Cor,12, 11,

Quest. Now let vs come to the fourth part: What calleste thou the Catholicke Church?

Aun. The Catholicke Church is the (a) whole company of faithful people which euer were since the beginning of the world in all places, which also be

(a) Rom,8. 29, Ephe.1,10 11,12,13. Mat. 16,18, Ioh,10,26

be now, and shalbe to the ende of the
(b) 1,Ioh,3,21, 2,Cor,13,5. Rom,8,16. worlde. Of the which number I be-
leeue that (b) I am one, I believe that
(c) 2.Tim.2.19 1,Pet,5,7, Esay,49,15. Math,10,29 30.31, God (c) knoweth them all, and hath a
most tender care ouer them.

Que. What calleſt thou the *Communion of Saints?*

Aun. The Communion of Saints, is
(a) 1.Cor.12, 12,13,14, 1.Cor.10 17 Ephe.4.15 and 5,30. Col.1,18, Rom,12,5, the societie that all wee which be-
leeue haue one with another, as (a)
members of one head Jesus Christ,
(b) 2.Cor.11.28 Gala,6,2, Philip,2,1, 2,3,4. whereby we are (b) ready to commu-
nicate all Gods benefits, both spiri-
tuall and temporall, to the mutuall
health and comfort ons of another,
according to the measure which wee
haue receiued of God in this lyfe.

Queſt. What is it to believe, *The for-
giuenes of sinnes?*

Aun. I beleeue that Jesus Christ
(a) 1,John,2,2. Collo.1.14, 20,21,22, 1,Cor.1.30 Esay,53.4.5 6,8.12. Rom,3.24. 25.et 5,8,10 2,Cor,5.19. hath (a) wholy appeased God for my
sinnes, and paid the full punishment
due to them, and therefore that they
be freely forgiuen me, and shall neuer
be layd to my charge.

Que. What beleeueſt thou of *The
rising againe of the body?*

Aun. I believe that after thys lyfe
ended,

ended, (a) my ſoule ſhall goe to God that gaue it, and my body ſhall reſt in the graue, vntill the appointed time: and then I ſhall (b) ſee God in my fleſh, and myne eyes ſhall looke vpon him, and this my body ſhall be made like to the glorious bodie of Chriſt, without all corruption.

(a) Luk, 16,22 & 12, 20,
(b) Iob, 19,26, 27. 1.cor.15.42 43,44,53, Phil.3,21, 1,The,4,17

Queſt. What is it that thou ſayeſt of *Lyfe euerlaſting*.

Aun. I beleeue that when God ſhal rayſe againe this my bodie, and ioyne it againe together wyth my ſoule, that then I ſhall lyue wyth (a) Chriſt, for euer in hys euerlaſting kingdome of glory.

(a) 1,Cor,15, 53,54.

Queſt. By what meanes doe we attaine to this, which thou haſt heere confeſſed?

Aun. The holy Ghoſt hath appointed the preaching of the worde to bee the ordinary meanes, wherby, he (a) worketh in our harts this true and liuely fayth, and without this preaching of the worde, wee can neuer haue fayth.

(a) Rom, 10, 14,17. 1.Cor. 1,21

Que. After that God by the meanes of his worde, hath wrought in our harts

harts fayth, by what meanes afterward doth he strengthen the same?

Aun. Thys faith doth God strengthen in vs, by the selfe same preaching of the word, and also by the vse of the Sacraments.

Quest. What callest thou the Sacraments?

Aun. Sacraments be (a) outward signes ordained of God for the greater assurance and strengthening of our faith, being vnto vs (b) sure pledges of those benefites of our saluation, which we receiue in Christ to bee ours, and are represented vnto vs by the outward signes of water in baptisme, and Bread and wine in the Supper of the Lord. They serue also for a marke of our profession, whereby we differ from other people, which be heathen.

(a) Gene, 17.11 E. o. 12, 3.4 5. &:

(b) Rom, 4, 11

Que. Howe many Sacraments bee there?

Aun. There be (a) two Sacraments, that is to say: Baptisme and the Supper of the Lord.

(a) 1. Cor, 10, 1, 2, 3, 4

Quest. What strength of fayth hast thou through Baptisme?

Aun.

Ans. I am taught and assured by (a) Baptisme, that my sinnes are forgiuen mee: For as the water washeth away the filthines of the body, euen so should I through the holy Ghost, bee thereby fully certified and perswaded, that (b) the blonde of Christ, beeing sprinckled vppon my soule by the (c) hand of fayth, hath washed away both the guiltinesse of my sinne, and the punishment due to the same: the fruite and effect whereof, appeareth herein, that through the power of Christ his death and resurrection, I am deade (d) as touching sinne, and raised vp againe in (e) newnesse of lyfe: which two things in whomsoeuer they appeare not, they may well haue the name and title of Baptisme, but indeede they are no Christians.

(a) Acts.22.16. Mark.1.4.

(b) 1.Pet.1.2. & 1.21. 1.Ioh.1.7. Ephe.5.26 Tit.3.5.6. Acts.22.16.

(c) Acts 15.9.

(d) Rom.6.3. 4.5.6 &c

(e) 2.Cor.5.17 Gal.5.24. 25.

Quest. What strength of fayth doe we finde in the vse of the Lords Supper?

Ans. The supper of ỳ Lord through the holy Ghost, doth strengthen my fayth that I should not doubt, but as surely as I receiue the Breade and Wine

wine into my bodie, to become wholy mine, so my (a) soule receyueth withall Christ, with his (b) passion and righteousnes to be wholy mine, as surely as if I had wrought them mine owne selfe.

(a) Math, 26, 26,27,28, 1.Cor.10.16 17.et 11.24. 25.& 12,13

(b) 1.Cor, 1,30 Rom,4,23. 2,Cor,5,21.

Que. Are not then the bread & wine in the supper of the Lord, turned into the body and blood of Christ?

Aun. The bread and wine as touching their nature & substaunce (a) are not turned: but as touching the vse of them, they differ from common Breads and Wine, in that they are appointed of GOD, to serue vnto vs as (b) seales and pledges of those benefites which Christ in his bodie wrought for vs.

(a) Mat,26,26 27,28, 1,Cor.10, 16.17,& 11 26,27,28,

(b) Rom,4,11.

Que. In what manner oughtest thou to prepare thy selfe to the receiuing of these misteries?

Aun. In preparing my selfe to receiue the supper of the Lord, I ought diligentlie to obserue these three things.

(a) 1,Cor,11. 28. (b) 2,Cor,13,5

(c) Ephe, 1,13, 2,Cor, 1,22 and 5, 5.

First, to (a) examine my selfe whether I (b) stand in faith or no, which I shall know if I feele my (c) hearte (d) allu-

(d) assured by the Spirit of God that the (e) punishment of my sinnes is fully discharged in Christ, and that what soeuer hee hath doone pertayneth not onely to others: but euen (f) to mee.

Secondly, to examine my selfe, whether I find my hart (g) inwardly sorrie for my sinnes, with an inward hatred and lothing of sin, and an (h) earnest desire and a sure purpose, wholy to conforme my selfe to the will of Gods word.

Thirdly, if any offence be betwixt others and me, that I (i) reconcile my selfe vnto them. All these things, although they ought earnestly to be endeuored in the (k) whole course of our life: yet then especially, when wee come to the Supper of the Lord.

(d) Rom,8.15. Ephe.3.12
(e) 1.Ioh.2.1.2 Esay.53.6.7.8,9.&c.
(f) Eph,3,17 18. 19.
(g) Mat 26.75 Ierem.4.4. Ioel,2,12 2.Cor.7.10.
(h) Rom,6,4.5.6.7.8. Phi.3.13.14
(i) Math,5.23.24.
(k) Luke, 1,74,75. 1.Pet. 1.15,

Quest. Now seeing wee be saued by Christes workes, without our deseruings: whereto then nowe serueth our well dooings, or what auaileth it to doe good workes?

Aun. Wee must doe good workes (a) not to deserue our saluation by them but by our workes to (b) glorifie God,

(a) Esa.46.6 Iob,35.7. Psal.17.2, Luke.17.10.
(b) Mat,5.16 1,Cor.6,20 1.Pet.2.12

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(c) Col,1.10, Phi.1.17 1.Thes.2.12 Ephe,4.1, Ephe,1,4. Luke,1,75 (d) Ro,6,11,12 13, & 12, 1,2, 1,Pet,1,15 (e) 2,Pet,1,10 (f) 1,Pet.3,1,2 Rom,14.19

in (c) walking as becommeth Gods Children. (d) declaring thereby our thankfulnesse to GOD for our redemption.

Secondly, by our workes to (e) make our election more certaine vnto our selues.

Thirdly, to (f) winne others to Christ, by our holy life and conuersation.

Que. What works callest thou good workes?

Ans. Our works can neuer be acceptable and good in the sight of God, vnlesse in doing them we keepe these two things.

(a) Ephe,2,10 (b) Col,2,20, 21,22,23, Titus,1,14, Deut,12,32 Esay,9,13 Mith,15,9, (c) Rom,14,23 Hebr,11,6,

First, that they bee framed according to the rule of Gods (a) Lawes and commaundements, and not (b) after our owne deuises.

Secondly, that they proceede from an hart (c) purged by fayth. If eyther of these two poynts be lacking, our workes are abhominable in the eyes of GOD, although they appeare neuer so glorious in the sight of men.

Quest. Because prayer is our speci-

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all meanes which God will haue vs vse to increase our fayth, tel me what belongeth to true prayer?

Aunswere. It is requisite in true Prayer, that we obserue these fiue things.

First, that wee make our Prayers (a) onely to God, through (b) Christ, and not to Saints.

Secondly, that we be (c) inwardlie touched with neede of the thing wee aske, hauing our minde wholelie bent thereupon, and not carried away with by-thoughts.

Thirdly, that our Prayers bee grounded vpon (d) Gods promises, with full assurance that they shal be graunted, so farre as the Lorde doth know them to be meete and needfull for vs.

Fourthly, that we (e) continue in prayer, although we haue not our requests at the first.

Fiftly, that wee aske not those things which wee (f) thinke good in our owne fantasie, but onely (g) that which God commaundeth vs to aske of him: All which thinges bee

(a) Psa, 50, 15 & 81, 8, 9. Rom, 10. 13 Iam, 1, 5. Mat, 4, 10.
(b) Ioh, 14, 13, & 15, 16 & 16, 23.
(c) 1, Ioh, 5, 14. Ioh, 4, 23. Psal, 51, 17, & 145, 18. 2. Cor, 4, 20. Mat, 6, 7. Rom, 8, 26
(d) Iam, 1, 6. Mark 11, 24, Luk, 11, 9. 10 11, 12. 13. 1, Iohn 5, 15.
(e) Luk, 18, 1. 2. 3. 4, 5 &c. Rom, 12, 12. 1 Thes 5, 17. Ephe, 9, 18. Col, 4, 2,
Mat, 15 22. 23. 24. &c.
(f) Iam, 4, 3. Rom, 8, 16.
(g) 1, Ioh, 5, 14.

(h) contained in the Lords prayer.

Que. Rehearse the Lords prayer.

Aunswere.

(h) Mat,6,9. &c. Luk,11,2. &c. Mat,6,9.

OVR Father which art in heauen, hallowed be thy name: thy kingdome come, thy will be done in earth as it is in heauen. Giue vs this day our daily bread. And forgiue vs our trespasses, as wee forgiue them that trespasse against vs. And lead vs not into temptation, but deliuer vs from euill. For thine is the kingdome, the power and the glory, for euer and euer. Amen.

Quest. What doest thou desire of God in this prayer.

Aun. 1. First, I desire of our heauenly Father, that his name may be hallowed, first in his excellent workes, which is when wee acknowledge (a) his mercy, wisdom, iustice, and prouidence, that hee alone worketh all things, & that (b) only the Lord God be had in honour, all other sette aside. Secondly, that his name may be glorified, in our godly liuing and conuersation.

(a) Psal,113,2.3. & 145,1. Rom.11,36. & 16.27.

(b) Iosua,1,24. 14,52. 1,Ioh,5,21. Psa,8,10,11

2 In the second petition, we desire that

that GOD his kingdome (e) may come, that is, that he will declare him selfe to be King ouer his (d) Church, in guiding and defending it, in increasing of the number of the faithfull, in (e) thrusting forth Labourers into the harueſt, and bleſſing their labours, and (f) ſuppreſſing the rage of the wicked Tyrants. Secondlie, that hee will exerciſe his kingdome ſeuerally in euery one of vs, (g) kylling ſinne in vs, and al worldly care, and renewing vs to righteouſnes of lyfe.

Eſay, 52,5. Eze,36,20. Rom.2.24. (d) Mat,3,2.& 5,19,& 13, 31,32.33. (e) Mat,9, 38 (f) 1,Ioh,3.8. Rom,16,20. (g) Rom,8,10. 11.13,&.6,9, 1,Ioh. 5,8,9.

3 In the third petition, wee deſire that Gods will may bee doone, that is, that wee may (h) willinglie in all thinges reſigne our ſelues to Gods will, without murmuring or grudging.

(h) Luk,22,42, Tit, 2,12. 1 Pet 4,2, 1,Ioh,2,1. (i) Gen,3,19. Eph,4,18. 1,Theſ,2,9, 10.

4. In the fourth petition, we pray that he will giue vnto vs, (i) walking faithfully in our calling, our dailie bread, that is, all (k) thinges needfull for our lyuing for this preſent life.

(k) Pſa, 145, 15, 145.27.& 105,26, Eſay,3,1. Pſal,78,18.

5 In the fift petition, we pray that our ſinnes may be forgiuen vs, that hee will not lay to our charge our

19,20,29,30 & 16,14. 107,1,2.3.

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sinnes, nor the punishment due to them, but that hee will accept the death and Passion of Christ, as the full satisfaction for our sinnes, and that we may hereof haue (l) full assurance in our conscience, that the punishment of our sinnes is fullie discharged in Christ, and therefore freely forgiuen vnto vs, as (m) surely as we doe forgiue others: and that we may (n) loue one another, from the bottome of our harts, all desire of reuenge set aside.

(l) Eph,3,12. 1,Ioh,5,13. 20. (m) Rom,8,15. & 8,38,39. Mat,6,45. & 6,14,15. Luk,6,36. Iam,2,13. (n) Mat,6,14, 15,& 5,23, 24,44. Rom,12.19.

6 In the first & last petition, we doe pray God that he will not lead vs into temptation, but deliuer vs, that is, that hee (o) will not bring vs further into ỹ battell with our spirituall enemies, then we by his holy spirit shall be able to preuaile and ouercome.

(o) Rom,16,20 2,Tim,4, 17,18. Eph 6,10,11. 1,Cor,10,13 2 Pet,2,9.

Quest. And why is this added. *For thine is the kingdome, the power and the glory, for euer and euer. Amen.*

Aunswere.

Not onely to kindle in our hearts to (a) desire the glory of God, but also to teach vs that this praier is grounded vppon none other, then on God onely:

(a) 1,Cor,29,3, Rom,11,36,

onely: and that we should not thinke the (b) kingdome of God to be weake and voyde of force and might. Also that (c) hee is onely to be honoured, praysed, and glorified, and that hys power is infinite, perpetuall and euerlasting. And in this worde (d) Amen, is expressed the feruent desire to obtaine those things which wee aske of God, and our hope is confirmed, that those things which wee aske, are graunted vnto vs, by which our consciences are pacified, and so wee end our Prayers.

(b) Psal, 114,7,

(c) Deu,9,13 Apo,4,9,11 Apo,5,12,13 1.Cor.26. 10.11,12.13

(d) 1,Pet,5,11. Apo,6,14. Apo,7,12.

Quest. Tell me now briefely the effect of all thou hast sayd.

An. By the ten commandements, I see my miserable estate, ý I deserue death, damnation, and the curse of God, which must needes be payd, because God is iust, and whereas I my selfe am not able to pay it, the holie Ghost through the preaching of the Gospel, worketh in me fayth, which assureth mee, that the Sonne of God beeing made man for me: hath euen in my nature suffered what soeuer my sinnes deserued, & hath made mes

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with him the child of God, and heyre of euerlasting lyfe. Whereof least I should doubt or wauer, hee hath appointed two Sacraments, as outward signes and tokens to bee seene and felt of mee: that as surelie as I see my selfe made partaker of them outwardlie: so the holy Ghost inwardly instructing me, I should not doubt but inwardly be partaker of Christ himselfe, with all his benefits, his raunsome, righteousnes and holines to be mine, that in him and thorow him I shal haue life euerlasting. And thus beeing borne a newe into thys liuely hope, by the holy Ghost, my waies should be directed and guided by the same Spyrite, to walke in holinesse and righteousnesse, all the dayes of my life. Amen.

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A Prayer contayning the ſum and effect of thys Catechiſme.

O Mercifull and heauenly father, for ſo much as at euery light occaſion, I am withdrawne from thy holy lawes, to the vanities of this life, vnto all ſinne and wickednesſe: I beſeech thée in mercy ſet before mine eyes alwaies the remembraunce of thy iudgment ſeate, and my laſt end: whereby I may bee daily ſtirred vp to conſider in what great daunger I ſtande, through the horrible puniſhment due to my ſins, that daily groaning vnder the burthen of them, I may flie for ſuccour to thy beloued ſonne Ieſus Chriſt, who hath fully paid, ſuffered and ouercome the puniſhment due to them: and through the working of thy holy ſpirit in me, I may be fully aſſured in my ſoule and conſcience, that the curſe, condemnation and death, which theſe my ſinnes deſerue, is fully paide, ſuffered and ouercome in Chriſt, that his righteouſnes, obedience, and holines

lines is mine, and whatsoeuer hee hath wrought for mans saluation, is wholie mine. Strengthen this faith in me dailie more and more, that I may inwardly feele comfort and consolation in this, that I feele thy holy spirite beare record vnto my spirite, that I am thy child, grafted into the body of thy Sonne, and made with him fellowe heire of thy euerlasting kingdome. Do worke in mee by thy holy spirite, that daily more and more I may feele sin die in me, that I do not delight therein, but daily may groane vnder the burthen thereof, vtterlie hate, detest and loathe sinne, hate my selfe, & all the powers of my soule and body against sin, and haue my full delight, ioy, comfort & pleasure in those things which be agreeable to thy will, that I may walke as becommeth the childe of light, looking still for that good time, when it shall please thee to call mee to thine euerlasting kingdome, and for eternall. This in mercy graunt vnto me for Iesus Christ his sake, my onely Lorde and Sauiour. Amen.

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